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Dear Dr. Henney:

I become disturbed when I read that the overuse of antibiotics is causing them to become ineffective -- but I am even more disturbed by the fact that much of this problem is because antibiotics are used to such a large extent in the agricultural business. This overuse has caused serious antibiotic-resistance problems in the food chain.

Antibiotics are wonderful if they are used properly, but we cannot continue such indiscriminate use. I grew up on a farm before antibiotics were used in animal feed, and there was no problem then. It is my understanding that the main reason is to promote growth, and this is not worth the risk involved.

I feel the FDA should ban the use of human antibiotics in animal feeds, and I urge you to pressure for such a ban.

Sincerely,

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